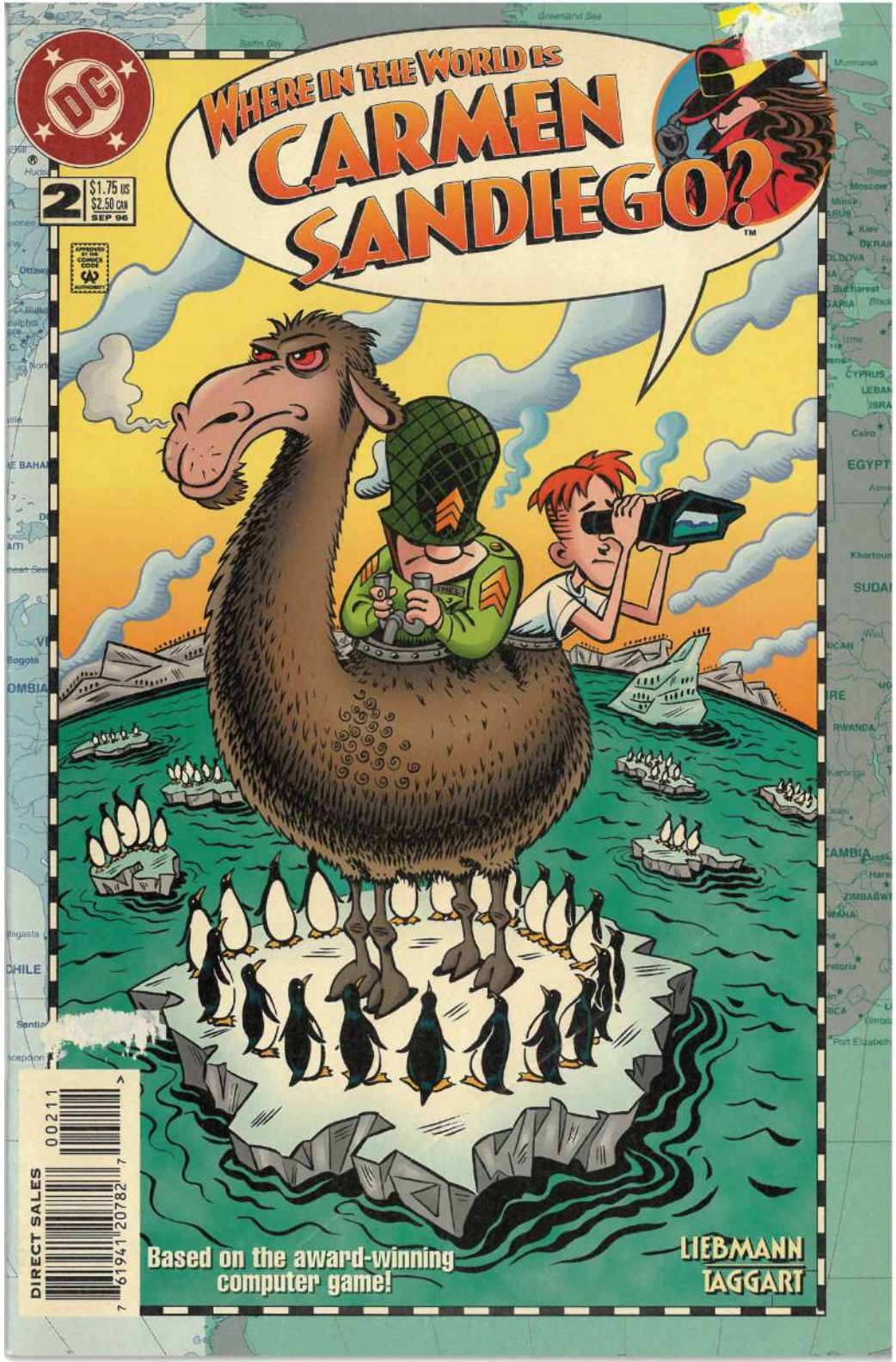
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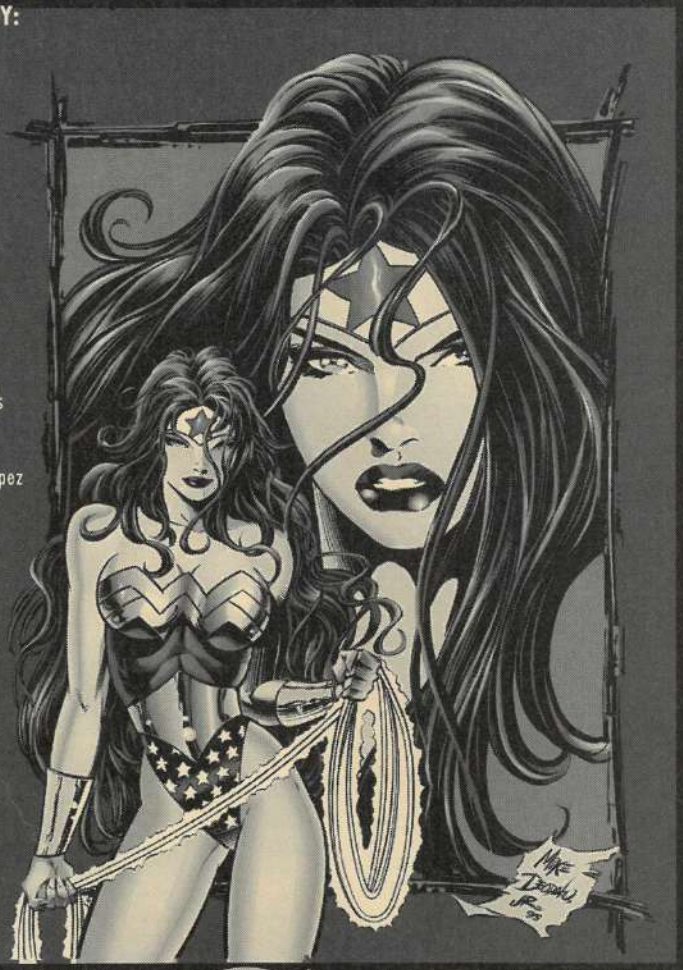

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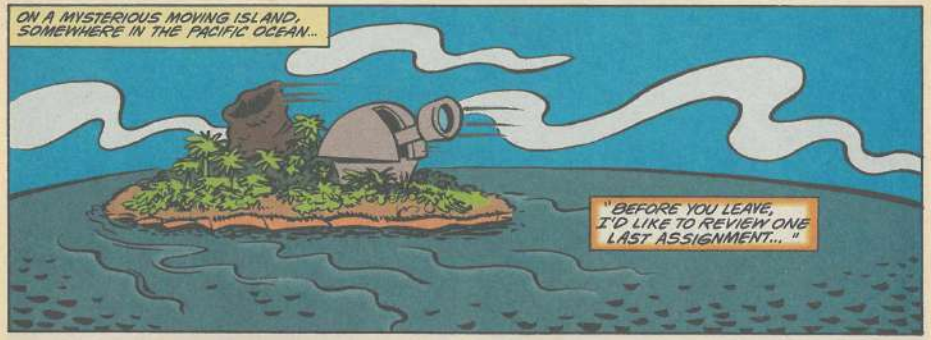

IT WAS A SIMPLE ASSIGNMENT. THE GOAL: STEAL LINCOLN'S NOSE FROM MOUNT RUSHMORE.
REMEMBER THAT, ROBOCROOK? OPERATION SHNOZZOLLA.
BEFORE
AFTER
V.I.L.E

AT FIRST, EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY. BUT AFTER SUCCESSFULLY STEALING THE NOSE, SOMEONE BLEW IT!
Duh, WHAT'S WRONG WITH BLOWING YOUR NOSE?
Aaahh SHADDUP, RED!
V.I.L.E.

THE VEHICLE CARRYING THE NOSE, THE HANKYMOBILE, WAS PARKED WITH THE BRAKE OFF.
HELP! RUNAWAY NOSE!!!
HEY, WONDER RAT, IF YOUR NOSE IS RUNNING, WHY DON'T YOU USE YOUR SLEEVE?
Tissue
YOU WERE A BIG HELP!!

WITH THE HANKYMOBILE TOTALED, THE TEAM TRIED TO TRANSPORT LINCOLN'S NOSE BY BUS. BUT NO BUS DRIVER WOULD TAKE THEM... OR EVEN SLOW DOWN.
I DON'T KNOW WHY. WE HAD CORRECT CHANGE.
YEAH, YOU'D THINK THEY'D NEVER SEEN A BIG NOSE BEFORE.

UNFORTUNATELY, THIS WASN'T AN ISOLATED INCIDENT. ALL OF THIS TEAM'S WORK LATELY HAS BEEN, SHALL WE SAY, BELOW PAR...?
SHALL WE SAY, "LOUSY"?

YOU DON'T WANT V.I.L.E. TO BECOME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF EVIL ORGANIZATIONS, DO YOU?
NO, MA'AM!
GOOD. THAT'S WHY I'M PASSING OUT EXTRA HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS TO EVERYONE WHO BOTCHED THE NOSE JOB!
DRAT! I WAS HOPING SHE'D FORGET.
Uh, RED, YOU'RE A V.I.L.E. MEMBER, NOT A SPY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.
AT LEAST READ 'EM BEFORE YOU EAT 'EM.
OR GRATE SOME CHEESE ON 'EM. THEY TASTE BETTER THAT WAY.
COMPLETE THESE ROBBERIES SUCCESSFULLY, AND YOU'LL BE INVITED TO THE V.I.L.E. COMPANY PICNIC... JUST AS SOON AS I STEAL A PICNIC SITE!
BIG DEAL!
THIS IS NUTS! YOU'RE ALWAYS PICKIN' NOSES, AND MONUMENTS AND OTHER CRAZY STUFF TO STEAL. WHY DON'T YA EVER STEAL CASH OR JEWELRY?
IT'S TIME WE HAD A NEW TOP DOG AROUND HERE--SOMEBODY WHO'LL GET US SOME REAL DOUGH!!! SO, MS. CARMEN SANDIEGO, WHADDA YA THINK O' THAT, huh, LADY?

EJECTOR BUTTON
DO NOT TOUCH UNLESS EXTREMELY TICKED OFF!
CLICK
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
AAUGHH!!
EXIT
Duh, IS THIS GONNA BE ON THE FINALS?
BOY, WHAT SOME GUYS WON'T DO TO AVOID HOMEWORK?
HAPPY LANDINGS, JERK!
SPROING
SAY, NICK, DID YOU TAKE NOTES?
I DIDN'T TAKE NOTHING! I'M INNOCENT, I TELL YA! INNOCENT... SOMEBODY CALL MY LAWYER!
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SO MUCH FOR THAT DISTURBANCE. OKAY, SCHOOL'S OUT!
AS YOU LEAVE MY ISLAND HIDEOUT, I WANT YOU TO START THINKING LIKE A TEAM, AND WORKING LIKE A WELL-OILED MACHINE.
Duh, WHERE ARE WE GONNA GET THE OIL?
MAYBE YA CAN SQUEEZE ROBOCROOK'S HEAD.
AND DON'T FORGET: BE COURTEOUS!
QUIT STEPPIN' ON MY TAIL!
Duh, ANYONE WANNA SEE MY MERMAID TATTOO?
GET THAT HOCKEY STICK OUTTA MY NOSE!
HEY, CARMEN!
WHERE DID YOU GET THESE BIRDBRAINS-- "SHNOOKS 'R' US"?
NOW, NOW, PAULY. MY HENCHMEN MAY NOT BE THE BRIGHTEST, BUT THEY'RE TRYING.
YEAH, VERY TRYING. DON'T YOU REALIZE THEY'RE IDIOTS? ALSO KNOWN AS MORONS! IMBECILES! CHUCKLEHEADS! THEY HAVE NO BRAINS!
PERHAPS NOT. BUT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM...
...I HAVE ENOUGH BRAINS FOR ALL OF US!
YEAH, BUT DO YOU HAVE BAIL MONEY FOR ALL OF US?
END OF PROLOGUE. ABOUT TIME, TOO! AND SO BEGAN THE GREATEST CRIME SPREE SINCE... SINCE... WELL, SINCE LAST ISSUE.
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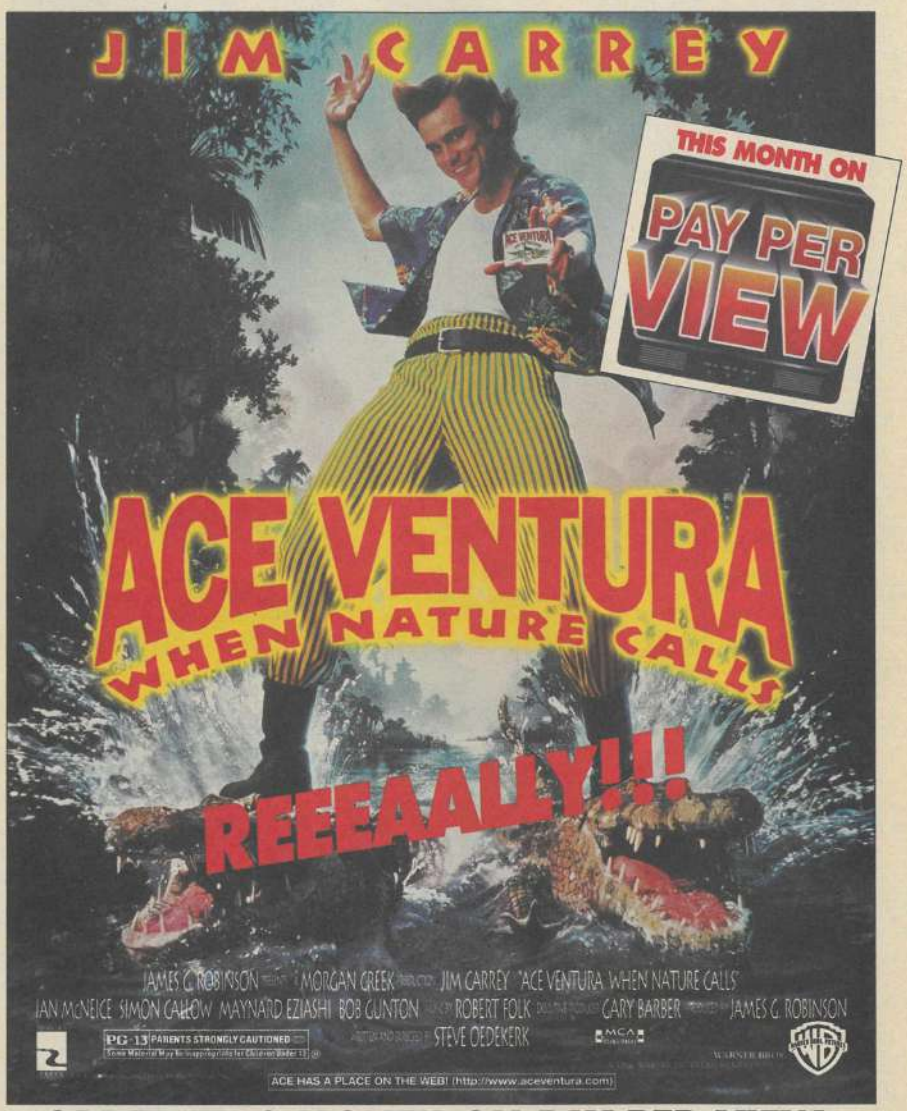
IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE.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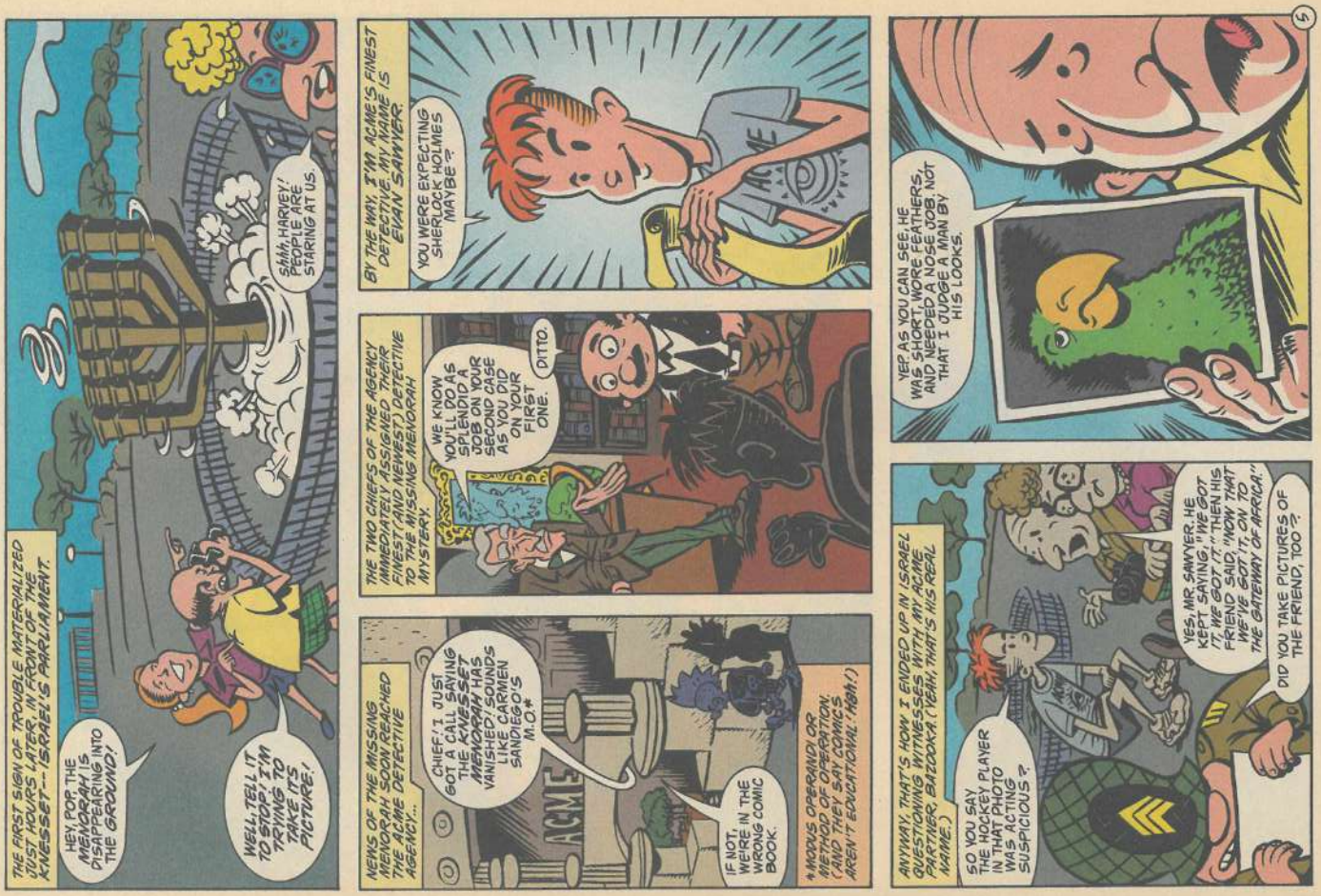
THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE MATERIALIZED JUST HOURS LATER, IN FRONT OF THE KNESSET--ISRAEL'S PARLIAMENT.
HEY, POP, THE MENORAH IS DISAPPEARING INTO THE GROUND!
SHHH, HARVEY! PEOPLE ARE STARING AT US.
WELL, TELL IT TO STOP. I'M TRYING TO TAKE ITS PICTURE!
BY THE WAY, I'M ACME'S FINEST DETECTIVE. MY NAME IS EVAN SAWYER.
YOU WERE EXPECTING SHERLOCK HOLMES MAYBE?
THE TWO CHIEFS OF THE AGENCY IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED THEIR FINEST (AND NEWEST) DETECTIVE TO THE MISSING MENORAH MYSTERY.
WE KNOW YOU DID A SPLENDID JOB ON YOUR SECOND CASE AS YOU DID ON YOUR FIRST ONE.
DITTO.
NEWS OF THE MISSING MENORAH SOON REACHED THE ACME DETECTIVE AGENCY!...
CHIEF! I JUST GOT A CALL SAYING THE MENORAH HAS VANISHED! SOUNDS LIKE CARMEN SANDIEGO'S M.O.*
ACME
IF NOT, WE'RE IN THE WRONG COMIC BOOK.
* MODUS OPERANDI OR METHOD OF OPERATION. (AND THEY SAY COMICS AREN'T EDUCATIONAL! HMM.)
YEP. AS YOU CAN SEE, HE WAS SHORT, WORE FEATHERS, AND NEEDED A NOSE JOB. NOT THAT I JUDGE A MAN BY HIS LOOKS.
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ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP IN ISRAEL QUESTIONING WITNESSES WITH MY ACME PARTNER, BAZOOKA. (YEAH, THAT'S HIS REAL NAME.)
SO YOU SAY THE HOCKEY PLAYER IN THAT PHOTO WAS ACTING SUSPICIOUS?
YES, MR. SAWYER. HE KEPT SAYING, "WE GOT IT. WE GOT IT." THEN HIS FRIEND SAID, "NOW THAT WE'VE GOT IT, ON TO THE GATEWAY OF AFRICA!"
DID YOU TAKE PICTURES OF THE FRIEND, TOO?

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I KNEW THAT ASWAN, EGYPT, USED TO BE KNOWN AS THE GATEWAY TO AFRICA, SO WE HEADED THERE IMMEDIATELY!
THE ACME CRIME FILE IS PRINTING OUT DATA ON OUR MYSTERIOUS HOCKEY PLAYER.
BUT EVERY TIME I ASK ABOUT THE PARROT, ALL IT SAYS IS, "ARE YOU NUTS?"

PSSST! TELL YOUR FRIEND I HAVE INFORMATION FOR HIM.

UH, BAZOOKA, THAT CAMEL IS TALKING TO ME.
WELL, DON'T DISCUSS POLITICS OR RELIGION WITH IT. CAMELS ARE ORNERY BEASTS.
V.I.L.E. HENCHMAN
LEN "RED" BULK
MEL

A VERY WISE STATEMENT INDEED!
SHEIK KAMAL! MY FAVORITE ACME SNITCH!
THE MINUTE I HEARD YOU WERE IN ASWAN, I RUSHED TO OUR OLD MEETING PLACE.

WOW, IS THAT A CONVERTIBLE CAMEL?
INDEED IT IS. I CALL IT THE CAMEL-VAN. I GOT THE IDEA WHILE VISITING YOUR AMERICAN TRAILER PARKS. IT COMBINES ALL THE LUXURY OF A CAMEL WITH ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME.

BUT ENOUGH OF CAMELS.
YOU MUST BE EVAN SAWYER -- THE YOUNG DETECTIVE WHO RECOVERED THE EIFFEL TOWER.
MOST IMPRESSIVE. I'M SURE YOU WON'T BE PLAGUED BY THE SOPHOMORE CURSE.

SOPHOMORE CURSE? NEVER HEARD OF IT.
SUCH A CURSE YOU SHOULDN'T KNOW FROM. IT STRIKES MANY A YOUNG DETECTIVE... LIKE MY COUSIN HASSAN.

ON HIS FIRST CASE, HASSAN WAS BRILLIANT -- A REGULAR SHERLOCK HUMMUS. HE WAS SO GOOD YOU'D SWEAR HE COULD ANSWER THE RIDDLE OF THE SPHINX.

THEN AFTERWARDS, "Phhhhhht!" HE COULDN'T FIND THE GREAT PYRAMID IF IT WAS GLUED TO HIS SHORTS!
NOW THE POOR SOUL JUST WORKS ON HIS CRACKPOT INVENTION... A JOGGING SUIT MADE OUT OF PEAR CACTUS.

SAD, ISN'T IT?
WHATTA YA MEAN, SAD? I'M A BIG HIT WITH PUNK ROCKERS.

UH, SORRY TO INTERRUPT, SHEIK. BUT HAVE YOU SEEN THE MAN IN THIS PHOTO? ACCORDING TO MY FILES, HE'S A V.I.L.E. HENCHMAN NAMED LEN "RED" BULK.

Hmmm, HE LOOKS FAMILIAR. OF COURSE, WE DON'T GET MANY ICE HOCKEY PLAYERS HERE IN THE MIDEAST.
BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT HIM...
WILLYA QUIT EATING THE GUIDEBOOK!? WE'RE TRYING TO LOOK LIKE TOURISTS, NOT SPIES!
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE WAS EATING HIS GUIDEBOOK WHEN WE HAVE SUCH FINE CUISINE IN THE MIDEAST!
NONETHELESS, I FOUND WHAT WAS LEFT OF IT... UH, I WIPED IT OFF FIRST.
FUN THINGS TO SEE IN EGYPT
Hmmm, THERE'S AN ITEM CIRCLED HERE, THOUGH PART OF IT IS CHEWED AWAY...
"LOCATED IN FRONT OF AN ARTIFICIAL LAKE, IT PROVIDES POWER FOR THE ENTIRE NILE REGION..."
THE ASWAN HIGH DAM IS LOCATED IN FRONT OF LAKE NASSER... THAT'S AN ARTIFICIAL LAKE!
AH, YES, I OFTEN WATER MY ARTIFICIAL CAMEL THERE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I WOULD BE MOST HONORED IF YOU PURSUED YOUR QUARRY IN MY CAMEL-VAN.
UH... YOU DO HAVE CAMEL INSURANCE, DON'T YOU?
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AND SO, WE RACED SWIFTLY TO THE ASWAN HIGH DAM, STOPPING ONLY TO PICK UP PASSERSBY WHO FAINTED AT THE SIGHT OF US.
SEE ANYTHING STRANGE? I MEAN BESIDES US.
WELL, UNLESS THE ACME SUPER-SNOOP IS WRONG...
AUTO FOCUS ... ON
... THERE'S A GIANT COBRA STEALING AN ELECTRIC GENERATOR FROM THE DAM. THAT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL!
RANGE 50 Km
SUPER-SNOOP
AUDIO ... ON
NOT FOR CARMEN. THAT'S ONE OF HER SUPER-MECHANIZED SLINKY SNAKES!
A ROBOT SNAKE, huh? TOO BAD WE CAN'T FOLLOW IT. IT JUST SLIPPED INTO LAKE NASSER!
NO PROBLEM. THOSE SNAKES ARE REMOTE-CONTROLLED. JUST KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR A SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING VEHICLE.
IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO SPOT THE SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING VEHICLE. (AFTER ALL, MOST ICE CREAM TRUCKS DON'T HAVE RADAR TOWERS ON THEIR ROOFS!)
Duh, FISHING ACCOMPLISHED!
GOOD 'N' HUMID
THAT'S MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, YOU BOOB!
Duh, YEAH, WE STOLE THE GENERATOR.
WHADDA YA MEAN "WE"? I DID ALL THE WORK! ALL YOU DID WAS PLAY "JINGLE BELLS" ON THE CAR HORN!
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uh-huh. AND WHO'S DRIVING THE TRUCK?
HE IS!
PIN?
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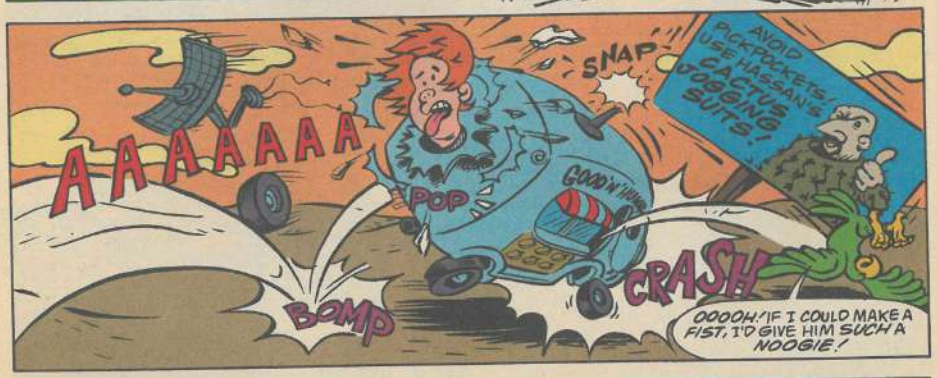
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SNAP!
AVOID PICKPOCKETS! USE HASSAN'S CACTUS DODGING SUITS!
POP
GOOD'N'HUMID
BOMP
CRASH
OOOOH! IF I COULD MAKE A FIST, I'D GIVE HIM SUCH A NOOGIE!

DON'T WORRY, RED, I'VE GOT THE COBRA UNDER CONTROL. I'LL BE BACK WITH SOME HELP...
... AND MAYBE A GOOD HEAD SHRINKER.
BAAA! BAAAH!

MOMENTS LATER...
THERE'S OUR SUSPECT! BUT, uh, WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
BAAAH! BAAAH!
DIDN'T YOU READ HIS PROFILE? OL' RED BLOCKED ONE TOO MANY HOCKEY PUCKS WITH HIS HEAD. SOMETIMES HE THINKS HE'S A BIG HORN SHEEP.
FOOD'N'HUMID
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they told her to get a life.
she didn't say whose.

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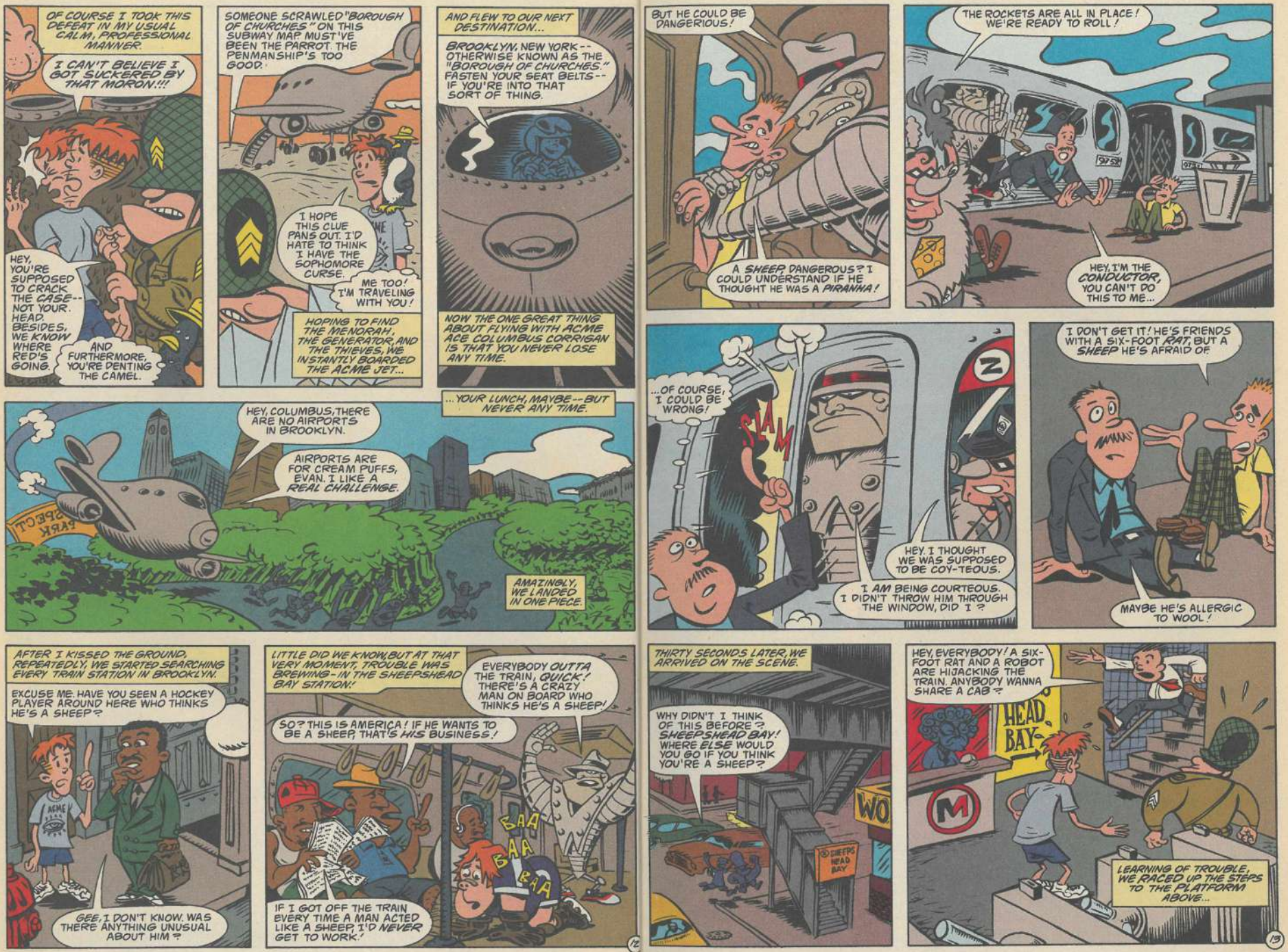
TOO BAD RED CAN'T TELL US WHERE THE STOLEN LOOT IS. BUT HIS VOCABULARY SEEMS TO BE SOMEWHAT LIMITED.
SLOP!
FIND ANYTHING INTERESTING IN THERE?

BESIDES RED'S PET PENGUIN, NOT MUCH. JUST A N.Y.C. SUBWAY MAP AND A NOTE FROM CARMEN NOT TO EAT IT.
WELL, AT LEAST WE GOT SHEEP BOY...
ZIP!

HANG ON, RED! THE REST OF THE GANG IS WAITING FOR US IN THE BOROUGH OF CHURCHES.
BWAAAH! BWAAH!
FIRST YOU EAT LIKE A GOAT, NOW YOU SOUND LIKE A SHEEP. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF GOING INTO POLITICS?
AS I LOOKED UP, MY HEART SANK, STRAIGHT INTO MY ANKLES. OUR SUSPECT WAS ESCAPING INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER!
RANGE...55KM
AUDIO...ON


OF COURSE I TOOK THIS DEFEAT IN MY USUAL CALM, PROFESSIONAL MANNER.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT SUCKERED BY THAT MORON!!!
HEY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CRACK THE CASE-- NOT YOUR HEAD. BESIDES, WE KNOW WHERE RED'S GOING.
AND FURTHERMORE, YOU'RE DENTING THE CAMEL.
SOMEONE SCRAWLED "BOROUGH OF CHURCHES" ON THIS SUBWAY MAP. MUST'VE BEEN THE PARROT. THE PENMANSHIP'S TOO GOOD.
I HOPE THIS CLUE PANS OUT. I'D HATE TO THINK I HAVE THE SOPHOMORE CURSE.
ME TOO! I'M TRAVELING WITH YOU!
HOPING TO FIND THE MENORAH, THE GENERATOR, AND THE THIEVES, WE INSTANTLY BOARDED THE ACME JET...
AND FLEW TO OUR NEXT DESTINATION...
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK -- OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BOROUGH OF CHURCHES." FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS -- IF YOU'RE INTO THAT SORT OF THING.
NOW THE ONE GREAT THING ABOUT FLYING WITH ACME ACE COLUMBUS CORRIGAN IS THAT YOU NEVER LOSE ANY TIME.
... YOUR LUNCH, MAYBE -- BUT NEVER ANY TIME.
HEY, COLUMBUS, THERE ARE NO AIRPORTS IN BROOKLYN.
AIRPORTS ARE FOR CREAM PUFFS, EVAN. I LIKE A REAL CHALLENGE.
AMAZINGLY, WE LANDED IN ONE PIECE.
BUT HE COULD BE DANGEROUS!
A SHEEP DANGEROUS? I COULD UNDERSTAND IF HE THOUGHT HE WAS A PIRANHA!
THE ROCKETS ARE ALL IN PLACE! WE'RE READY TO ROLL!
HEY, I'M THE CONDUCTOR, YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME...
...OF COURSE, I COULD BE WRONG!
SLAM
HEY, I THOUGHT WE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE COY-TEOUS.
I AM BEING COURTEOUS. I DIDN'T THROW HIM THROUGH THE WINDOW, DID I?
I DON'T GET IT! HE'S FRIENDS WITH A SIX-FOOT RAT, BUT A SHEEP HE'S AFRAID OF.
MAYBE HE'S ALLERGIC TO WOOL!
AFTER I KISSED THE GROUND, REPEATEDLY, WE STARTED SEARCHING EVERY TRAIN STATION IN BROOKLYN.
EXCUSE ME. HAVE YOU SEEN A HOCKEY PLAYER AROUND HERE WHO THINKS HE'S A SHEEP?
GEE, I DON'T KNOW. WAS THERE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT HIM?
LITTLE DID WE KNOW, BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, TROUBLE WAS BREWING - IN THE SHEEPSHEAD BAY STATION!
EVERYBODY OUTTA THE TRAIN, QUICK! THERE'S A CRAZY MAN ON BOARD WHO THINKS HE'S A SHEEP!
SO? THIS IS AMERICA! IF HE WANTS TO BE A SHEEP, THAT'S HIS BUSINESS!
BAA BAA BAA
IF I GOT OFF THE TRAIN EVERY TIME A MAN ACTED LIKE A SHEEP, I'D NEVER GET TO WORK.
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THIRTY SECONDS LATER, WE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE.
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE? SHEEPSHEAD BAY! WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU GO IF YOU THINK YOU'RE A SHEEP?
HEY, EVERYBODY! A SIX-FOOT RAT AND A ROBOT ARE HIJACKING THE TRAIN. ANYBODY WANNA SHARE A CAB?
HEAD BAY
LEARNING OF TROUBLE, WE RACED UP THE STEPS TO THE PLATFORM ABOVE...
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UNFORTUNATELY, WE MADE IT JUST IN TIME TO SEE...
...THE TRAIN— TAKING OFF LIKE A ROCKET!!!
I KNEW THE FARE WAS GOING UP - BUT THE ENTIRE TRAIN !?
NEXT STOP: THE WORLD'S BIGGEST ICE CUBE! THEN WE'RE GONNA GET RED ANOTHER PENGUIN.
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I'M BEGINNING TO THINK I AM CURSED!
WHY? YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST PERSON TO MISS A TRAIN!
I KNEW IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. THE TRAIN ACTUALLY CAME ON TIME.
HOW COME I NEVER GET A TRAIN THAT FLIES?
Hah, YOU'RE LUCKY IF YOU GET ONE WITH WORKING DOORS.

AND YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST PERSON TO SUFFER A FEW SETBACKS.
ACME
YEAH, BUT NOW I HAVE TO GET BACK A MENORAH, A GENERATOR, AND A SUBWAY TRAIN.

WHAT'S CARMEN GONNA DO WITH THAT STUFF, ANYWAY? BUILD THE WORLD'S BIGGEST TRAIN SET?
WE WON'T FIGURE IT OUT BY FEELING SORRY FOR OURSELVES. WE GOTTA KEEP FOLLOWING HER HENCH-MEN.

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LEGENDS OF THE
DEAD EARTH
EARTH IS DEAD.
BUT ON A THOUSAND WORLDS, IN A THOUSAND WAYS,
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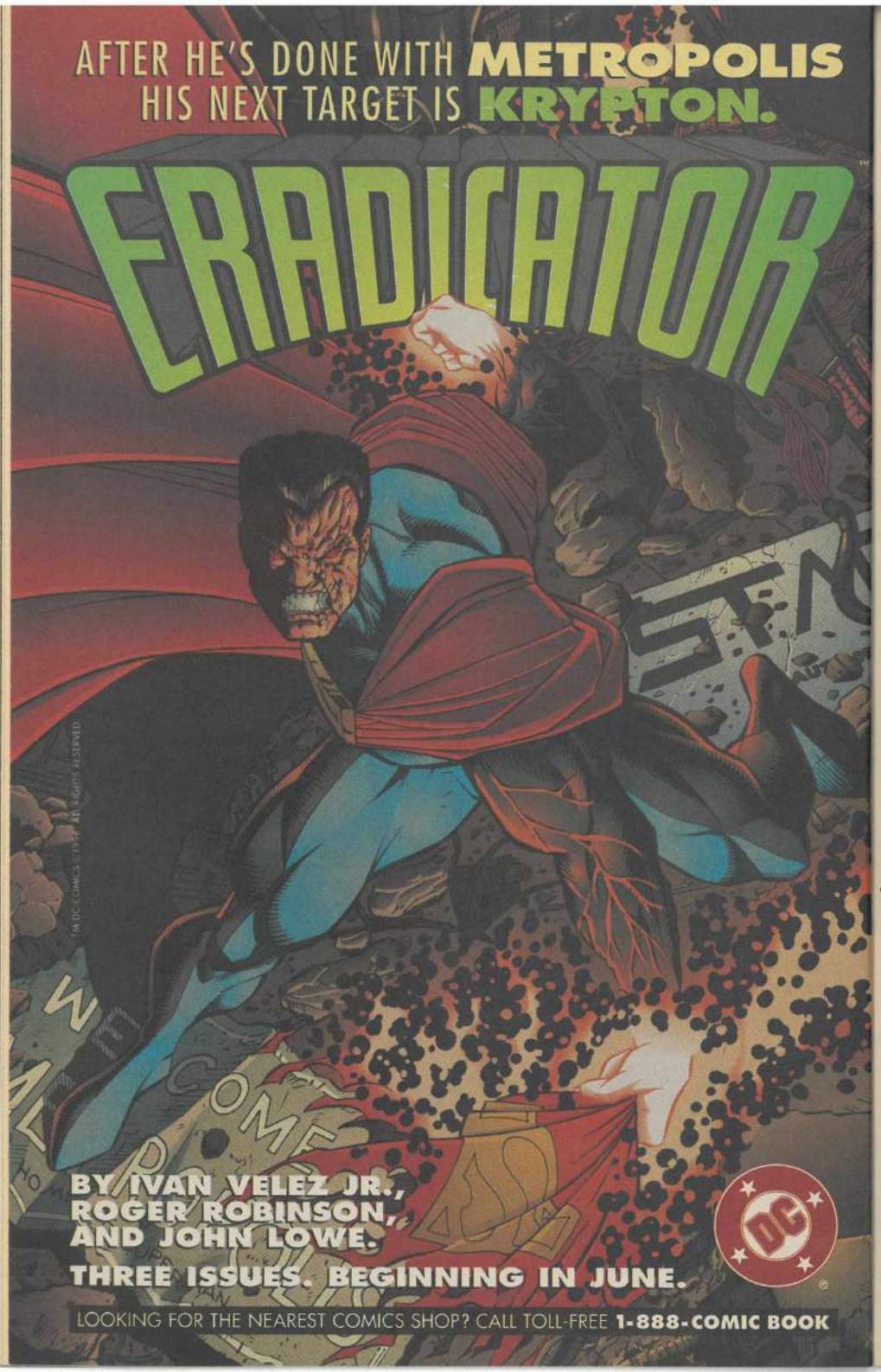

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THOSE CROOKS MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THE *WORLD'S BIGGEST ICE CUBE.*
WELL, *GREENLAND* IS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST ISLAND, AND 80% OF IT IS COVERED WITH ICE.
YEAH, THAT'S 'CAUSE IT'S IN THE *ARCTIC CIRCLE.* OKAY, LET'S CHECK IT OUT. AND WE BETTER DO IT FAST...
...BECAUSE COLUMBUS PARKED THE PLANE IN A *TOW-AWAY ZONE.*
TELL ME, BAZOOKA, DOES HE *EVER* PARK IN A NORMAL SPOT?
AND SO WE HEADED FOR THE ARCTIC, UNTIL...
HOLD IT, BAZOOKA, THOSE CROOKS DEFINITELY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO PICK UP A *PENGUIN.* BUT THERE ARE NO PENGUINS IN THE ARCTIC!
THERE *ARE* PENGUINS IN ANTARCTICA, THOUGH.
GOOD POINT, EVAN. OKAY, WE'LL HEAD FOR *ANTARCTICA,* AT THE SOUTH POLE.
OF COURSE, THOSE CROOKS MIGHT NOT KNOW THERE ARE NO PENGUINS IN THE ARCTIC. THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY ROCKET SCIENTISTS, Y'KNOW.
WHEW
ANOTHER GOOD POINT, EVAN. OKAY, *NORTH* TO THE ARCTIC!
SQUAWK
BUT ANTARCTICA IS *BIGGER* THAN THE ARCTIC CIRCLE. YOU COULD SAY IT'S THE WORLD'S BIGGEST ICE CUBE.
SO, UH, SOUTH TO ANTARCTICA?
BUT ANTARCTICA IS A FROZEN *LAND* SURROUNDED BY *SEA,* AND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE IS FROZEN *SEA* SURROUNDED BY *LAND...*
MAKE UP YOUR MIND ALREADY!
HANG ON, EVAN-- LET'S DO THIS *SCIENTIFICALLY...*
HEADS: THE ARCTIC CIRCLE. TAILS: ANTARCTICA.
FLICK
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TAILS IT WAS! SO WE FLEW TO ANTARCTICA AND DISCOVERED...
NOTHING HAPPENING HERE. PERHAPS YOU TOOK A WRONG TURN? I KNOW I DID! MY CAMEL-VAN GETS GREAT MILEAGE BUT CAN'T READ A MAP WORTH A DARN.
ME!
YOU SHOULD'VE GONE TO THE ARCTIC. ACCORDING TO MY TV, THE AURORA BOREALIS HAS BEEN STOLEN!
HMMM, IS THAT THE AURORA BOREALIS, OR A TEST PATTERN?
BRING! BRING!
HEY, EVAN, THE CHIEFS WANNA SPEAK TO YOU ON THE VID-PHONE. I'LL PATCH IT IN ON THE SHEIK'S TV.
GULP!!
THE TWO HEAD HONCHOS OF THE ACME DETECTIVE AGENCY WANTED TO SPEAK TO ME. AND I KNEW WHY!
THEY OBVIOUSLY WANTED TO TELL ME I WAS A LOSER, A WASHOUT, A TOTAL JERK.
HA!HA!HA!HA! HA!HA!HA!!!
IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT. THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ME!
OH, EXCUSE US! WE WERE JUST LAUGHING ABOUT THE TIME WE LOST A VITAL PIECE OF EVIDENCE FOR A BIG CASE.
YEAH, TWO WEEKS LATER WE FOUND IT STUCK TO A WAD OF GUM UNDER MY SHOE!
WOW, YOU MUST'VE FELT STUP--UH, TERRIBLE.
AT THE TIME, WE WERE QUITE DEVASTATED. BUT WE LEARNED FROM OUR MISTAKE, SO NOW IT SEEMS RATHER AMUSING.
YEAH, WE FREQUENTLY CHUCKLE ABOUT IT.
ACTUALLY, THE REASON WE CALLED IS TO TELL YOU THAT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY HAS DISAPPEARED! SEE IF THERE'S A CONNECTION WITH YOUR CASE.
BY THE WAY, HOW IS YOUR CASE GOING?
OH, WE HAD A FEW SETBACKS, BUT NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE.
GOOD. REMEMBER, WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH TOUGH IT OUT AND GET TOUGHER.
AS I LISTENED TO THE CHIEFS, I REALIZED THEY WERE WISER THAN BILL COSBY AND ALL THOSE OTHER TV DADS!
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THEY MUST'VE MADE UP THAT STORY ABOUT LOSING THEIR EVIDENCE, JUST TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER...
SO, UH, DOES THIS DOOHICKEY TURN OFF THE CAMERA?
NO, THAT OPERATES THE ZOOM LENS! UH-OH, I THINK YOU BROKE IT!
THEN AGAIN, MAYBE NOT.
SOON, WE MADE OUR WAY TO NEW JERSEY AND QUESTIONED A WOMAN WHO SOLD STUDY AIDS TO RUTGERS STUDENTS.
IT WAS STRANGE. EVERYBODY WAS CLEARED OUT FOR AN EMERGENCY FIRE DRILL...
DON'T LET YOUR TEACHER CATCH YOU SLEEPING
... AND WHEN WE RETURNED, THE ENTIRE CAMPUS WAS GONE.
IT FIGURES! THE ONE TIME I STUDY FOR A TEST-- THE SCHOOL DISAPPEARS!
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS MUCH DESTRUCTION SINCE SPRING BREAK.
NOTICE ANYTHING STRANGE DURING THE FIRE DRILL?
WELL, THIS REAL RATTY-LOOKING FIREMAN KEPT ASKING WHERE ALBERT EINSTEIN WAS.
WHATTA JERK! EVERYBODY KNOWS ALBERT EINSTEIN TAUGHT AT PRINCETON, NOT RUTGERS.
TRUE, BUT HE'S AT RUTGERS NOW.
ALBERT EINSTEIN'S HERE?! BUT HE DIED IN 1955... I KNOW SOME PROFESSORS TEACH FOREVER, BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
NO, NOT EINSTEIN HIMSELF...
... HIS BRAIN!!
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Uh, WEREN'T THEY A MATCHED SET?
NO, AFTER HE DIED, HIS BRAIN WAS PRESERVED FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDY. ONE SAMPLE WAS GIVEN TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY.
EEEEUUU! GROSS!
ACME
NOT AT ALL! EINSTEIN WAS A GREAT SCIENTIST AND A GREAT HUMANITARIAN. HE DONATED HIS BRAIN TO AID MEDICAL RESEARCH AND EXPAND HUMAN KNOWLEDGE... NOT TO GROSS YOU OUT!
I STILL SAY IT'S ICKY.
NOW WHAT? I DOUBT EVEN EINSTEIN COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON CARMEN'S CRIMES!
MAYBE NOT, UNLESS ... HEY, THAT'S IT! LIGHT!
HUH?
SWAP
A GENERATOR PROVIDES ENERGY... A SUBWAY TRAIN PROVIDES MASS TRANSIT... REMOVE THE WORD "TRANSIT"!!
PLUS THE AURORA BOREALIS IS KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN LIGHTS, AND A MENORAH IS A CANDELABRA THAT PROVIDES LIGHT...
...AND WE HAVE ALL THE ELEMENTS OF EINSTEIN'S MOST FAMOUS THEORY OF RELATIVITY: ENERGY, MASS, LIGHT! CARMEN STOLE THEM ALL!
IS THAT HER IDEA OF A JOKE? WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?
GOOD QUESTION! I USED THE PLANE'S COMPUTER TO CHECK RECENT NEWS REPORTS...
ACCORDING TO THIS, THE DOCTOR WHO FIRST REMOVED EINSTEIN'S BRAIN KEPT MOST OF IT IN HIS APARTMENT.
WHERE? UNDER HIS MATTRESS ???
IT DOESN'T MATTER. WHAT DOES MATTER IT'S JUST BEEN STOLEN!
CARMEN'S GANG--AGAIN! SHE PROBABLY THOUGHT ALL THOSE BIG ROBBERIES WOULD MAKE US OVERLOOK THE THEFT OF SOMETHING LITTLE--LIKE A BRAIN!
OBVIOUSLY! IT'S AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON THAT PENGUIN.
PLAIN? MY NOSE IS BEAUTIFUL!
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HEY, RED'S PENGUIN IS THE TYPE THAT COMES FROM THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS! WHAT WAS RED DOING THERE?
IN THE GALAPAGOS, I'M THE BRAD PITT OF PENGUINS.
EMPEROR
GALAPAGOS
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
SO, ONCE AGAIN WE FLEW TO A NEW DESTINATION--THIS TIME SOUTH, TOWARD THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. (BOY, IT'S A GOOD THING I DON'T GET JET LAG.)
THAT MOVING ISLAND LOOKS SUSPICIOUS... ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S DRAGGING RUTGERS BEHIND IT.
GOOD OBSERVATION, EVAN.
OKAY, COLUMBUS, AFTER I CALL IN FOR A SEARCH WARRANT, TAKE US DOWN SO WE CAN'T BE SEEN OR HEARD.
BEEP BIP BOOP BOOP
ZOOMP
SWUSH!
MINUTES LATER, ON THE MYSTERIOUS MOVING ISLAND...
BOY, IF I KNEW STEALIN' SCHOOLS WAS SO MUCH FUN, I NEVER WOULDA DROPPED OUTTA THE THOID GRADE!
YEAH, BUT I DON'T LIKE STEALIN' BRAINS--IT'S CREEPY!
EXCUSE ME, FELLAS.
BAA
BAA
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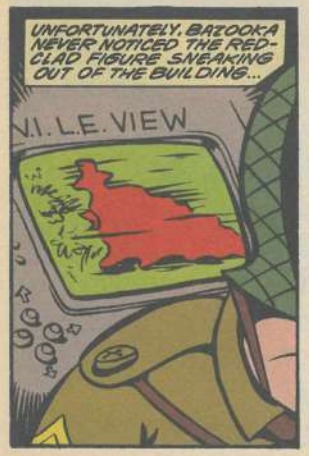
SHORTLY...
HMMM, WHAT'S THIS? CARMEN'S PLANS FOR PROGRAMMING A COMPUTER-- USING THE BRAIN OF ALBERT EINSTEIN ?!?
THAT'S MY NAME. DON'T WANNA IT OUT.
V.I.L.E. VIEW
Carmen's Cookbook These Are NOT TOP SECRET PLANS. HONEST!

WAIT A SECOND, PAL. YOU'RE NO EINSTEIN. YOU'RE A COMPUTER.
I WISH I WAS A COMPUTER. THEN MAYBE PEOPLE WOULD QUIT BUGGING ME ABOUT GETTING A HAIRCUT.
GREAT, JUST WHAT I NEEDED! A COMPUTER HAVING AN IDENTITY CRISIS.



MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE, I WASN'T EXACTLY WATCHING THE SCENERY! WELL, ACTUALLY, I WAS WATCHING THE SCENERY, BUT IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER.
WOW. I KNOW THIS IS A FAKE GALAPAGOS ISLAND-- BUT IT LOOKS SO REAL.
THERE ARE TURTLES CRAWLING... AND PENGUINS WADDLING... AND CARMEN ESCAPING...
ACME
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Will **Superboy** be headlining a book that features his own super-team?
REPLY HAZY — TRY AGAIN

Will **Mr. Mind** get his own Saturday morning TV show?
SIGNS SAY YES.

Will there be a new **Wonder Girl**?
"YES"

Are **Ruben Diaz** and **Jason Hernandez-Rosenblatt** twin sons of different mothers?
NO DOUBT

Will a group of **Legionnaires** become trapped in the **20th century**?
YOU MAY BE CERTAIN

Will they ever return to the **30th century**?
THE FUTURE IS HAZY

Will **Mike Carlin** ever bring a cake to share at the Editorial Meeting?
MWHEEP—MWAOW

Will **Apokolips** and **New Genesis** "merge" into a single planet?
IT WILL PASS

Will **Aquaman** (with the help of **Power Girl**, **Arion**, the **Sea Devils**, **Tsunami**, and **Neptune Perkins**) be able to defeat the alien invasion of the world's oceans?
CANNOT REVEAL THIS NOW

Will **Denny O'Neil** ever find the "perfect" kung fu movie?
THE JOURNEY IS ITS OWN REWARD

Will **Kyle Rayner** and **Donna Troy** get back together again in GREEN LANTERN #78?
IT IS SO, DECIDEDLY

Will **DC's softball team** kick Marvel's butt this summer?
YOU MAY RELY ON IT

Will there be only one **Aquaman** featured in the Legends of the Dead Earth ANNUAL?
NO IS MY REPLY

Will **Mary Marvel** and **Captain Marvel Jr.** ever "get it on"?
CONCENTRATE — THEN ASK AGAIN

Will **Sovereign Seven** find the two children lost in the interdimensional maze of Crossroads?
REPLY HAZY — TRY AGAIN

Will **Mike Carlin** ever stop raving about the French film *The City of Lost Children*?
NOT LIKELY

Will **Superboy** be headlining a book that features his own super-team?
ASK AGAIN LATER

Will **Bob Greenberger** ever learn to relax?
DON'T COUNT ON IT

Will **STEEL** be taking on a whole new direction—and get new armor?
YOU MAY COUNT ON IT

Is **Oliver Queen** really dead?
REPLY HAZY — ASK AGAIN

Is it true there will be an ELSEWORLDS issue of **THE BATMAN CHRONICLES**?
SIGNS POINT TO YES

Will **Kevin Dooley** ever leave the office before 10 PM?
OUTLOOK NOT SO GOOD

Will Kevin's wife, **Tammy**, kill him because he won't?
OUTLOOK GOOD

Is it true there will be no crossovers in the BAT books for at least the next year?
YES, DEFINITELY

Will there be more books like **BATMAN AND ROBIN ADVENTURES** and **SUPERMAN ADVENTURES**?
IT IS POSSIBLE

Is the **Eradicator** really David Conner?
OUTLOOK NOT SO GOOD

Will **Eddie Berganza** ever buy enough *Star Wars* toys?
DON'T BET THE FARM

Do we know **everything** about **Kryptonian** history?
EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL

Will the name **Linda Danvers** become significant in **Supergirl's** life?
VERY LIKELY

Is that a zit on **Superboy's** face or is it the "brother" he never knew he had?
CANNOT TELL YOU NOW

Will **O'Neil**, **Peterson**, **Gorfinkel** & **Vincenzo** ever open a law firm?
THE JURY IS OUT

Will **Freddy Freeman** kill **Captain Nazi**?
OUTCOME UNKNOWN

Has **Thaddeus Sivana** become the Master of Time and Space?
YOU MAY COUNT ON IT

Will **Tana** dump **Superboy**?
OUTLOOK HAZY

Did **Wonder Woman** rescue **Artemis** from Hades only to see her die again?
THIS FUTURE IS UNKNOWN

Can Vanity's new hero **Aztek** survive his first month on the job?
REMAINS TO BE SEEN

Will **Champion's** mal feelings for **Wonder Woman** grow stronger?
SIGNS SAY YES

Will **Lois & Clark's** breakup be forever?
BETTER NOT TELL YOU NOW

Will **Jason Todd** return?
MY REPLY IS NO

Will **Mike Carlin's** Diet Coke addiction lead him to a life of super-villainy?
REPLY STICKY — DO NOT ASK AGAIN

Will **Superboy** be headlining a book that features his own super-team?
"YES" IT'S CALLED SUPERBOY AND THE RAVERS!

Will there be another lucky 13 titles on sale from the DCU **next week**?
SIGNS SAY YES

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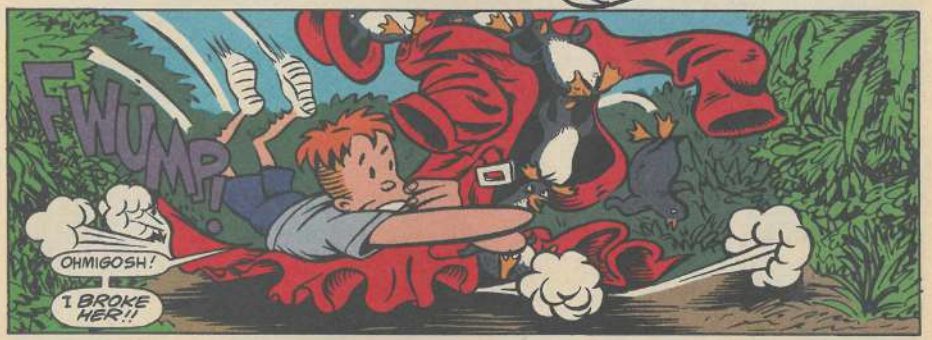
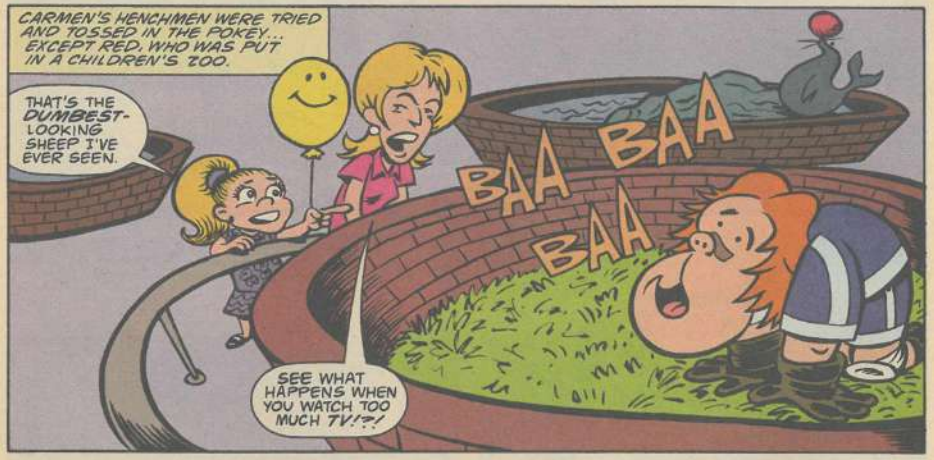
YOU MAY RELY ON IT ...NOW BEGONE! EYE HAVE REVEALED ENOUGH!



SO, EXCEPT FOR NABBING CARMEN, CASE CLOSED! YOU DID IT AGAIN!
WAS THERE EVER ANY DOUBT?
NOT BY ME!
GOOD OLD BAZOOKA! I FELT LIKE I WAS IN AN ACTION-BUDDY FLICK... WHICH BY THE WAY, I'M WRITING. SO IF STEVEN SPIELBERG IS PAYING ATTENTION...

ANYWAY IT WAS A TERRIFIC VICTORY FOR ACME. THE STOLEN GOODS WERE ALL RETURNED -- INCLUDING RUTGERS UNIVERSITY.
WELCOME BACK STUDENTS & FACULTY
THAT FIGURES! THE MINUTE I DON'T STUDY, THE SCHOOL REAPPEARS.

EINSTEIN'S BRAIN WAS GIVEN BACK TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS. (BUT, ALBERT, THE COMPUTER, WAS GIVEN TO ACME.)
EINSTEIN OR NOT, THIS COMPUTER COULD HELP US RESOLVE MATTERS OF DIRE IMPORTANCE!
SO, uh, ALBERT, THINK YOU CAN FIND A CURE FOR BALDNESS?


CARMEN'S HENCHMEN WERE TRIED AND TOSSED IN THE POKEY... EXCEPT RED, WHO WAS PUT IN A CHILDREN'S ZOO.
THAT'S THE DUMBEST-LOOKING SHEEP I'VE EVER SEEN.
BAA BAA BAA
SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU WATCH TOO MUCH TV!?!

AND MOST IMPORTANT, I LEARNED NOT TO BELIEVE IN SUPERSTITIOUS STUFF LIKE CURSES!
I HOPE THAT MEANS WE CAN GET RID OF THIS LUCKY HORSE-SHOE...
ACME

...BECAUSE IT'S REALLY BLOCKING UP THE OFFICE!
IF YOU THINK THIS LOOKS BIG, YOU SHOULD SEE THE HORSE IT CAME FROM!
THE END (TILL NEXT TIME!)

FROM THE ACME DETECTIVE AGENCY FILES: DETAILS OF THE CASE

From the chief!

Truth is Stranger than Fiction Department

While he was alive, Albert Einstein put his brain to good use, and his theory of relativity revolutionized scientific thought. But, amazingly, Einstein also wanted to put his brain to good use **after he was dead.**

In a letter to a colleague, Einstein expressed a wish to have his brain examined upon his death. And so, immediately after he passed away, Einstein's brain was removed from his head, studied and then dissected into 200 parts.

Over the years, a limited number of these pieces have been sent to various research groups and institutions (including Rutgers University).

Unfortunately, the medical community now feels there's nothing more to be learned from studying the brain, so the physician who removed it, Dr. Thomas Harvey, has been left holding the bag...and the remaining pieces. The Smithsonian Institution, the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and many other scientific establishments have shown no interest in taking the brain.

That's why the good doctor now keeps 75 percent of Albert Einstein's brain, the brain that contained the twentieth century's greatest mind...in his second floor apartment.

For those of you who may say to yourself, "Hey, I wouldn't mind giving Einstein's brain a nice home!", you ought to know that the brain will most likely end up in the Museum of Health and Medicine (which houses approximately 100,000 brain segments).

So stop dusting off a place next to your bowling trophy. Dr. Harvey is more likely to give you a piece of his mind than a piece of his brain.

Any other questions?

Find one, yes. Buy one, no. The Wistar Institute at the University of Pennsylvania has eighteen full brains preserved in jars. But that's nothing. At one time, it housed over 200 brains — including the gray matter of poet Walt Whitman. Sadly, Whitman's brain is no longer a part of the collection because a lab technician dropped it on the floor.

From the Truth is Stranger than...

Any other questions related to our recent story?

I'VE GOT A QUESTION ABOUT A PLACE WE *ALMOST* WENT TO--- GREENLAND!

IF IT'S MOSTLY COVERED IN ICE, AND ONLY FIVE PERCENT IS HABITABLE, WHY IS IT CALLED *GREEN*LAND?

Chalk up this island's name to notorious Viking bad guy and mischief-maker Erik the Red. Fleeing a murder rap in Iceland, Erik hoped to encourage hundreds of Icelanders to help him settle this barren land — and he obviously felt that **Greenland** was a far more attractive name than **Frostbitten-Noseland.** In many ways, Erik the Red was the father of modern real estate advertising.

And his son Leif Erikson (a.k.a. Leif, the Lucky) carried on the family tradition. Leif once dubbed an area around Newfoundland, Canada, "Vinland" (Wineland) even though it was no good for growing wine grapes.

With their knack for naming things, Leif and Erik probably would've called Devil's Island "Happy Acres."

WE DON'T CARE WHAT THEY CALL GREENLAND, WE NEVER TRAVEL NORTH OF THE EQUATOR.

IF THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS ARE SITUATED ON THE EQUATOR, ISN'T IT TOO HOT FOR PENGUINS? DON'T THEY JUST EXIST IN PLACES LIKE THE SOUTH POLE?

Although people think penguins live solely in cold climates, only two species live around the South Pole: the Adélie and the Emperor penguin. Other penguins can be found in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, South America, and Pacific Islands, such as the Galapagos.

The birds are confined to areas with cold sea currents but not necessarily cold weather. They're also confined to the Southern Hemisphere (which explains why you never see penguins at posh White House dinner parties).

TOO BAD. WE'RE DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION.

IF ASWAN, EGYPT, IS IN AFRICA, HOW CAN IT BE THE *GATEWAY* TO AFRICA?

Picky, picky! Aswan was actually the old trade route from Egypt to Central Africa — thus, the gateway to the entire continent south of Egypt. The name Aswan is an Arabic derivation of one of its original names, Souan, which means "trade" or "market." This city still has a lively and colorful market, where you can find spices, carpets, Nubian baskets, and plenty of drooling shopoholics.

Perhaps a better name for Aswan would be "Hide-Your-Traveler's-Checks-If-You-Have-No-Will-Power"!

SORRY, NO CAMEL-VANS, THOUGH!

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